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A WORD FROM THE COMMANDER



I would like to take this opportunity to extend greetings and my personal appreciation to all of the Soldiers and Airmen who have been working in support of Operation Jump Start (OJS) in Arizona. OJS is a critical mission to both the State of Arizona and to the nation. It is imperative that we maintain our mission focus and provide a superior level of support to Customs and Border Protection.

Since this is my first article for SECURUS, I would like to address a few key points:

- ♦ **Pay Issues.** We are working diligently to resolve all pay problems that have been brought to the attention of the Chain of Command.
- ♦ **Reorganization.** We are working to move Command and Control elements forward to be more responsive to CBP and Soldier/Airmen concerns.
- ♦ **Safety.** Unfortunately, we have had almost one motor vehicle accident per week. This is unacceptable. If you see an unsafe act, stop it! Everyone is a safety officer. We want everyone to go home safe and sound to their families when this mission is complete.
- ♦ **Report.** Don't suffer in silence. Please report any issues or concerns up through the Chain of Command so they can be addressed.

Most importantly I want each and every Soldier and Airmen assigned to OJS to know that I am aware of the issues listed above and am working with Task Force commanders, staff and first line leaders to work towards resolution.

At the same time it is important that Soldiers and Airmen take an active part in being part of the solution and not the problem. Completing travel vouchers accurately and on time will help minimize delay. This will also improve processing time which has already been reduced to an average of five days from receipt of a "correct" travel voucher at the USPFO. Accurate travel vouchers result in Government Travel Cards being paid on cycle, preventing financial stress on the Soldier or Airmen. The bottom line is that we must continue to strive to improve the way we operate and perform our duties. The end result is mission focus and superior support to Customs and Border Protection.

On that note, the holidays are fast approaching. Please take the time and few extra steps to ensure you are safe during the upcoming holiday season as well as our day to day operations.

Brigadier General Ulay Littleton
Arizona OJS Commander

TASK FORCE RAVEN

COMMANDER'S ASSESSMENT: THE FIRST FOUR MONTHS



Sikorsky UH-60 Black Hawk

- Crew is two pilots, minimum
- Can hold 2,645lbs of cargo internally to include 14 troops
- Maximum speed is 222 mph
- Can climb at 700 ft a minute
- Twin-turbine engine
- Single Rotor
- Equipped with advanced avionics and electronics for increased survivability and capability, such as the global positioning system



OH-58A Kiowa

- Crew is up to two pilots
- Maximum speed is approximately 138 mph
- The controls in the left seat are designed to be removed to carry a passenger up front.
- Mission is reconnaissance, surveillance and intelligence gathering
- In 1992, 76 OH-58As were modified with an engine upgrade, thermal imagery system, communications package, enhanced navigational equipment and high skid gear as part of the Army National Guard's Counter-Drug program.

Task Force (TF) Raven's mission is to provide an aerial platform for Customs and Border Protection (CBP) agents to facilitate the apprehension of undocumented aliens (UDAs) and drug smugglers. TF Raven has flown over 1,100 hours in support of CPB as of Oct 25, 2006. Flight operations commenced at the conclusion of mission training for flight crews in August 2006.

Currently, two different types of aircraft are supporting the mission. The OH-58A Kiowa is a scout aircraft specifically designed for reconnaissance operations. The other aircraft supporting the CBP mission is the UH-60 Blackhawk. Currently we have three UH-60s and nine OH-58s supporting the mission. There are 111 personnel from 13 different States assigned to TF Raven.

These agile aircraft also have the capability to get into the narrow canyons of Arizona along the border to allow CBP agents access to remote areas. Without aircraft support their only option is to hike up and down this difficult terrain. TF Raven aircraft facilitate the rapid identification and capture of UDAs and drug smugglers in difficult Arizona terrain. By landing in remote areas and dropping off CBP agents, our aircraft position agents where they need to be on the ground to make apprehensions. The crew then provides overhead security while talking to appropriate CBP stations for assistance. Once the detentions are made, CBP ground units transport UDAs to a holding area for processing.

Our aircraft have responded to 319 CBP calls for assistance that have resulted in the arrest of over 1,000 UDAs. TF Raven has also put CBP agents in position to detain drug smugglers taking over 3,700 lbs of illegal drugs off the streets. This is rewarding but difficult work.

Pilots are carefully trained in mountain flying, power management and dusty landings before being released to support CBP. They are assigned to one of the nine areas of responsibility (AORs) along the 389 miles of Arizona border.

All support personnel assigned to TF Raven must be prepared to deploy to where needed on short notice. The States that have stepped up to the plate with significant resources, both aircraft and personnel, are Nebraska, New York, Illinois, Virginia and Kentucky. They volunteered and deployed when it was most difficult to do so and did it without hesitation.

The dedication of these guardsmen to the mission has been recognized by both the Arizona National Guard and CBP personnel. TF RAVEN is currently positioned for future growth that will include additional aircraft and personnel. The next four months will be even more successful due to the hard work of TF RAVEN troops. It's been a pleasure to serve with these outstanding soldiers and I look forward to the future.



COL PJ McCarville
TF RAVEN Commander
"None Shall Pass"

TASK FORCE YUMA



Army Strong

I had the opportunity to view the new Army recruiting video "Army Strong" which debuted last week. This video is awesome with powerful music and some stirring video clips. It does an excellent job of displaying key points regarding service in the Army. It is much easier to relate to than the previous Army recruiting slogan.

The Army Strong video can be viewed by registering at the internet site:

WWW.MILITARY.COM

The Southwest Border Mission exemplifies the concept of "Army Strong." Operation Jump Start soldiers and airmen have voluntarily agreed to put their personal and professional lives on hold to serve on this mission. This commitment to service displays not only moral strength but personal strength as well. There are few who possess the ability to serve our country as members of the armed forces. The border mission has been successful and effective because of the efforts and initiative of these qualified service members. Regardless of what state they come from, all service members on the border mission are helping to increase the border security of not only Arizona, but the country as a whole.

I would like to extend my personal thanks to LTC Rudolph and MAJ Hoefert of TF Tucson. Their assistance with the restructuring of the border mission along with their assistance with "lessons learned" from the Entry Identification Team (EIT) submission have helped to create a smooth transition into the dual task force mission. Thanks as well to the hard-working service members of Operation Jump Start, specifically Task Force Yuma. Your initiative, ideas, patience, and dedication to this mission are appreciated by your leadership each day. Keep on this strong azimuth and we will continue to see the positive results from your hard work.



Aim High. Army Strong.

Major Christopher Emmons
Deputy Commander, Task Force Yuma

OPERATION JUMP START FINANCE

Travel Pay

The J8 recommends Guardsmen file travel vouchers (DD 1351-2) with local area administrators (S1) on the 30 day anniversary of the first day of their travel orders and every 30 days thereafter for accrual vouchers. The DA standard to submit travel vouchers is five days after you complete your tour. S1's will not submit a voucher on your behalf.

For questions on travel pay or GTCs, please call 2nd Lt. William Abbott at (602)267-2095

It's very important to remember to make a copy of everything (vouchers, orders, invoices, receipts, etc.) submitted to the S1 for travel pay. Resolving pay issues related to travel vouchers will be much easier for everyone if keep copies of their own.

Please review your travel voucher to ensure you have not made a common mistake. Remember, filling out travel vouchers correctly will ensure prompt payment to Soldiers.

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7. DAYTIME TELEPHONE NUMBER & AREA CODE		8. TRAVEL ORDER AUTHORIZATION NUMBER	9. PREVIOUS G ADVANCES
11. ORGANIZATION AND STATION			
12. DEPENDENT(S) (X and complete as applicable)			
ACCOMPANIED		UNACCOMPANIED	
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GTC

Government travel cards (GTC) are to be used when in a temporary duty status only, and are not to be used while at drill, AT or on leave. Please ensure orders indicate TDY status before using the card.

Please use your card as prudently as possible. GTC purchases and any cash withdrawals MUST be for official TDY expenses (lodging, meals, and incidentals).

In order to maximize available credit to get through the next month, it is important to pay the current balance on the split disbursement. In most cases, with ensuring the current balance is paid, guardsmen will have a credit on their GTC upon completion of orders.

Guardsmen can call the 1-800 number on the back of the card to get current balances. Service members who set up a



“...you are personally responsible for what gets charged to the card issued to you...”

profile with Bank of America can view account information on any Internet connection.

Guardsmen should do their best to keep budgets, and records of spending.

Managing finances will help Soldiers eliminate the possibility of over spending and maxing out GTCs.

Be careful how much cash is withdrawn using the GTC. In most cases, the ATM

and the Bank of America will charge an ATM fee. Most ATM fees are reimbursable, but reduce available credit. Remember there is a monthly limit to how much cash can be withdrawn. The limit is not the same for all Soldiers. For most Soldiers the limit is \$500, for some the limit is \$265. Cash withdrawal limit increases will not be authorized.

Upon receipt of the GTC, all service members must sign a contract of understanding the use of the card that states:

“Understanding that you are personally responsible for what gets charged to the card issued to you, and are responsible for payment of the bill at the time of the receipt, regardless of when you are reimbursed for travel.”

Task Force S1's have access to your account and are required to notify Task Force Commanders of any suspicious activity.

Operation Jump Start Safety: Don't be Deceived by the Cooler Weather

Signs and Symptoms of heat exhaustion include:

- ◆ Cool, clammy, pale skin
- ◆ Sweating
- ◆ Dry mouth
- ◆ Fatigue, weakness
- ◆ Dizziness
- ◆ Headache
- ◆ Nausea, sometimes vomiting
- ◆ Muscle cramps
- ◆ Weak and rapid pulse

Heat stroke, unlike heat exhaustion, strikes suddenly, with little warning. When the body's cooling system fails, the body's temperature rises fast. This creates an emergency condition.



Signs of heat stroke include:

- ◆ Very high temperature (104 degrees F or higher)
- ◆ Hot, dry, red skin
- ◆ No sweating
- ◆ Deep breathing and fast pulse - then shallow breathing and weak pulse
- ◆ Dilated pupils
- ◆ Confusion, delirium, hallucinations
- ◆ Convulsions
- ◆ Loss of consciousness

By MAJ David Church



out. Dehydration can still occur if one does not maintain the necessary hydration precautions.

It is essential that we review the heat injuries from last quarter during OJS. Although the cases of heat exhaustion occurred during Arizona's hottest months, it is still important to analyze their root causes because heat injuries can still happen during the day in the upcoming cooler months. The majority of the heat exhaustions last quarter were a result of poor nutrition. For example, there were Guardsmen who did not eat a solid breakfast prior to beginning an EIT shift. In fact, some had not eaten within the last twelve hours prior to coming on shift. These Guardsmen did not have the proper nutrients in their body to keep them sustained in the hot weather while performing a demanding duty. Indeed, water intake is indispensable in preventing heat injuries, but we also must maintain a steady diet.

The Heat Injury Prevention Guide will continue to serve as a valuable reference for fluid replacement. Over the next few months, we can expect the heat category to range from level two to level four (five being the most severe). Regardless, Guardsmen will still be required to drink anywhere from 1/2 to 3/4 quarts of water per hour pending on the intensity of the work involved. No one knows your

“The majority of the heat exhaustions last quarter were a result of poor nutrition.”

body better than yourself, so it is your personal responsibility to maintain your water intake. In addition, the leadership must maintain the emphasis on water consumption and must keep an “eyes-on” approach to ensure hydration compliance.

Dehydration is a concern year round here in Arizona. Thirst is not a sign to begin hydrating. In fact, the advent of thirst should tell you that you waited too long to hydrate yourself.

The fundamental cause of dehydration is the depletion of body fluids. The standard symptoms are dizziness, weakness, headaches, and possible nausea. When treating dehydration, we want to ensure that we replace the lost fluids by actively drinking water. However, water should not be gulped, but instead, water should be sipped continuously. If one drinks a lot of sports drinks such as Gatorade, it is important to have a balance of both water and Gatorade. In addition, stay free from the heavy consumption of soda and sugar drinks.

In the midst of all the busyness of OJS, it is possible for Guardsmen to forget about staying hydrated. Guardsmen must remain vigilant in staying hydrated throughout the day. Doing so will sustain and prolong their ability to conduct their respected mission with OJS. Every Guardsman on the ground provides an integral piece to the mission of OJS here in Arizona and we need every Guardsman working in full capacity. Hence, it is vital that Guardsmen follow the aforementioned hydration guidance no matter what the season may be.

With the arrival of October also came a reprieve from the Arizona hot summer weather. After three months of three-digit temperatures and the seasonal, scorching desert heat, Guardsmen can now savor in the cooler temperatures. The outdoor temperatures from October through April will provide Guardsmen, especially those performing the EIT mission, a much more comfortable working environment. However, just because the temperatures are lower does not mean we become lax in monitoring and maintaining our daily water consumption. Moreover, even though heat injuries are less likely during the months of October through April, they cannot be ruled

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OPERATION JUMP START CHAPLAIN

Chaplain's Corner

During the American Revolution a man in civilian clothes rode past a group of soldiers repairing a small defensive barrier. Their leader was shouting instructions, but making no attempt to help them. Asked why by the rider, he retorted with great dignity, "Sir, I am a corporal!" The stranger apologized, dismounted, and proceeded to help the exhausted soldiers. The job done, he turned to the corporal and said, "Corporal, next time you have a job like this and not enough men to do it, go to your commander-in-chief, and I will come and help you again." With that George Washington got back on horse and rode off.

The sign of a good leader is not that they can boss people around. The true sign of good leadership is the ability to lead from the front and by example. This might mean getting off the horse and working in the muck and mire of the job. It might mean getting as tired as the troops because the physical labor is strenuous and taxing. It does require bumping shoulders with those who are below your rank. It will result in the leader gaining the respect and admiration of those who follow him or her.

This is why God sent His Son to earth, to be a servant to all of us. He left us the perfect example of love. He gave us the flawless model of obedience. He presented to us the undeniable fashion of selfless service. Best of all, He provided us with the ultimate sacrifice of love through His death on the cross.

If you have any questions or needs, please talk with the chaplain in your sector. We will be around your area expecting you to interact with us. God bless you all and keep safe.

Chaplain (Col) Daniel J. Butler



SERVICE SCHEDULES



TF Raven

Marana/Casa Grande/ Tucson

Sun. 0900 Ecumenical service
Hampton Inn on N. Oracle
Sun. 1900 Ecumenical service Hilton

Marana

CH Krogstad (602)489-6481

TF Raven

TSGt Johnson (602)489-6478

TF Tucson/ Sierra Vista

Sun. 0900 FOB

Tucson

CH Anderson (602)489-6482

FT. Huachuca

CH Summers (602)489-6844

TF Yuma

Sat. 1100 FOB
Sun. 1100 FOB
Sun. 0930 MCAS Chapel

Phoenix

CH Morris (602)489-6846

Yuma

CH McDaniels (602)489-6719

Phoenix

Contact the Chaplain's office
(602) 629 - 4805

BORDER PATROL NEWS—OCTOBER

- OCT 07, 2006 - AGENTS IN THE TUCSON SECTOR ARRESTED 12 ILLEGAL ALIENS AS THEY CROSSED THE BORDER IN TO THE U.S. FINGERPRINTING REVEALED THAT ONE OF THE UNDOCUMENTED ALIENS, ROBERTO HERNANDEZ HAD A PRIOR CRIMINAL HISTORY OF RAPE. HERNANDEZ IS BEING PROSECUTED FOR RE-ENTRY OF AN AGGRAVATED FELON. IF FOUND GUILTY HE FACES UP TO 20 YEARS IN JAIL.
- OCT 11, 2006 - A BORDER PATROL AGENT IN THE TUCSON SECTOR RESCUES A MOTORIST FROM A BURNING VEHICLE. ...A WHITE JEEP CHEROKEE THAT WAS ENGULFED IN FLAMES. WITH THE FIRE SPREADING RAPIDLY, THE AGENT, WITH LITTLE REGARD TO HIS PERSONAL SAFETY, EXTRACTED THE OCCUPANT FROM THE BURNING VEHICLE...
- OCT 12, 2006 - BORDER PATROL AGENTS IN TUCSON ENCOUNTERED AN ABANDONED VEHICLE ON I-19. THE AGENTS DISCOVERED THE VEHICLE WAS LOADED WITH BUNDLES OF MARIJUANA WEIGHING A TOTAL OF 941.85 LBS.
- OCT 13, 2006 - BORDER PATROL AGENTS, WITH THE ASSISTANCE OF A CBP CANINE, DISCOVERED 50 LBS OF COCAINE HIDDEN IN THE DASHBOARD OF A VEHICLE. THE COCAINE WAS VALUED AT \$1.6 MILLION. TWO FEMALE SUSPECTS AND THE DRUGS WERE TURNED OVER TO THE DRUG ENFORCEMENT ADMINISTRATION.
- OCT 24, 2006 - NATIONAL GUARD, ENTRY IDENTIFICATION TEAM DEPLOYED TO THE YUMA SECTOR IN SUPPORT OF OPERATION JUMPSTART ALERTED BORDER PATROL AGENTS TO A SMALL BOAT CROSSING THE COLORADO RIVER FROM MEXICO. AFTER SEARCHING THE AREA WHERE THE BOAT CAME ASHORE, AGENTS LOCATED INDIVIDUALS HIDING ALONG THE RIVERBANK. ONE SUBJECT, A 29-YEAR-OLD MALE GANG MEMBER, HAD PRIOR CRIMINAL
- OCT 27, 2006 - BORDER PATROL AGENTS FROM THE YUMA SECTOR'S WELLTON, ARIZONA, STATION SEIZED 730 LBS. OF MARIJUANA WORTH APPROXIMATELY \$584,000 AND APPREHENDED TWO SUSPECTED SMUGGLERS NEAR DOME VALLEY, ARIZONA.
- OCT 30, 2006 - AGENTS FROM THE YUMA SECTOR ARRESTED A SEX OFFENDER WANTED IN MEXICO. THE SUSPECT HAD A PRIOR CRIMINAL HISTORY IN HIS NATIVE COUNTRY OF MEXICO, AFTER BEING CONVICTED FOR THE RAPE OF A MINOR AND HAD SPENT 10 YEARS IN PRISON.

Since the start of fiscal year 2007, which began October 1, Yuma Sector Border patrol agents have seized more than 1,100 pounds of marijuana worth an estimated \$818,000.



U.S. Customs and
Border Protection

COMM TEAM MAKES IT POSSIBLE

Story and Photos by Air Force Staff Sgt Dan Heaton

YUMA, Ariz. – For Master Sgt. Howard Samiya, a member of the Maine Air National Guard and NCOIC of the ground communications team in Yuma Sector, working on Operation Jump Start presented at least one unique challenge he hadn't faced before.

"But once I figured out what 'hooah' meant, we were good to go," Samiya said.

Despite being comprised of both Army and Air personnel, each from a different state, the ground communications team has been working well together, said Tech. Sgt. Robert Stefko, communications NCOIC, medical services, North Dakota Air National Guard.

"We all came in here knowing what our jobs are. Army or Air, it doesn't matter. What is important is taking care of our part of the mission," Tech Sgt Stefko said.

The ground communications team is responsible for ensuring that all of the EIT sites in the Yuma Sector are able to communicate with both their military chain of command and with the Border Patrol. In addition, they ensure that the medics, the local JOC and other elements are plugged into the communications loop as well.

The key in that mission, Tech Sgt Stefko explained, is providing communications training to all personnel who report in to Yuma. The team provides an introduction to incoming troops during their initial all-hands briefing and then the following day provides hands-on training with the radios and instructs troops on radio communications protocol.

The training typically takes place during the first two days on the ground in Yuma for the incoming personnel, he added.

Staff Sgt Sue Peters, a New York Air National Guard ground radio specialist who came on the mission in early August, said support from the Border Patrol electronics shop has been the key in setting up the communications system.

"Those guys have really bent over backwards to help us out," Staff Sgt Peters said.

Now that the communication system is operating, Tech Sgt Stefko said additional areas in the Yuma Sector are being added to the National Guard system.

"As operations expand eastward, we're going with them," Tech Sgt Stefko said, explaining that National Guard communications equipment is being installed at the Wellton Border Patrol Station and at Camp Desert Grip (a remote location operated in the desert about a 4-hour drive east of Yuma.).

Pvt. 1st Class Greg Draper, a supply specialist of the Delaware Army National Guard, said he's enjoyed working with the team.

"We're out doing what needs to be done. We're working together as a team everyday," he said.



FROM GREEN TO GREEN

By Staff Sgt. Dan Heaton
Yuma Sector Public Affairs

Though she may no longer be part of Operation Jump Start (OJS), Spc. Ana Juarez will continue to play a role in defending America's borders.

Spc. Juarez, an administrative specialist who has been working on OJS in the Yuma Sector since June, has been hired by the U.S. Border Patrol as an agent trainee. She left the mission in early November, two weeks before she was to report to the Border Patrol's academy in New Mexico. Juarez, a native of Yuma, Ariz., expects to be assigned to the Blythe, Calif., Border Patrol station, one of the three stations in Yuma Sector.

Juarez took the entrance exam for the Border Patrol prior to volunteering for OJS. She said that working at the Sector headquarters further solidified her desire to become an agent.

"Being here and seeing what goes on, it is even better than I thought it would be," Juarez said.

The Border Patrol, which had about 12,000 agents nationwide when President Bush first announced OJS in May 2006, is in the process of hiring an additional 6,000 agents, all of whom are expected to be initially deployed along the nation's southern border. To get a "jump start" on further securing the southern border, 6,000 National Guard soldiers and airmen were sent to the border to stand duty at observation posts, build up border infrastructure and perform duties to allow the Border Patrol to return "badges to the border."

As the Border Patrol increases its number of agents, the number of National Guard troops deployed to the south is scheduled to decrease to 3,000 in summer 2007 and then to end in summer 2008.

"Spc. Juarez built the admin section for this mission from the ground up," said Army Master Sgt. Larry Slade, her supervisor at Yuma Sector. "Nobody has had to tell her what to do, she is so



self-motivated. Other task forces have brought their admin people in here to look at what she did."

Slade also credited Juarez for always putting guardsmen first.

"If it was quitting time, but there was still guardsmen waiting with an issue, she would stay as late as it took. She's worked tirelessly," Slade said.

Juarez joined the Army shortly after graduating from Cibola High School in Yuma in 2001. While on active duty, she served in Korea and Georgia. In 2003, she spent six months in Iraq. She transitioned to the Arizona Army National Guard in July 2005 and is a member of the 855th Military Police Company detachment in Yuma. Two of her fellow soldiers in the Yuma detachment are also Border Patrol agents.

"Being in the Army really helped me," Juarez said. "The Army gave me experience and opportunities that helped me get hired by the Border Patrol."

Border Patrol recruiters are available at both the Yuma and Tucson sectors to answer questions soldiers and airmen may have about exploring a career in the Border Patrol. Additional information may also be found at www.cbp.gov by clicking on the "careers" button.

PA TEAMS MAKE EASY WORK OF TOUGH JOB

YUMA SECTOR PUBLIC AFFAIRS

Story by Staff Sgt. Dan Heaton
Picture by PFC Monette Wesolek

YUMA, Ariz. - Working to tell the story of the hundreds of Soldiers and Airmen who are serving the Yuma Sector in Operation Jump Start is a task that keeps two Airmen from the Midwest busy.

"Operation Jump Start has drawn a tremendous amount of interest both from the media and from senior level politicians and military officers," said Staff Sgt. Dan Heaton, a member of the Michigan Air National Guard and NCOIC of the public affairs detachment in Yuma.

"Fortunately for us, it has been an easy story to tell because all we have to do is point to the soldiers and airmen who have been out there performing the mission. They are doing a great job."

The local Public Affairs staff also works closely with the Public Information Office of the U.S. Border Patrol at Yuma Sector headquarters, led by Supervisory Patrol Agent Lloyd Easterling.

"Lloyd and his staff, Ben Vik, Gloriela Hernandez, Chris Van Wagenen and Maranda Weber, are high-speed professionals who have made it very easy for us to do our job," said Heaton.

Heaton, a member of the 127th Wing at Selfridge Air National Guard Base near Detroit, reported for duty with OJS in late July, the same day the EIT mission in Yuma stood up. He expects to spend a little more than six months assigned to the border mission.



Air Staff Sgt. Dan Heaton

drawn praise from CBP, NGB and others, we couldn't have done any of this without him."

Senior Airman Hannah White serves as public affairs assistant in Yuma. White joined the Yuma PA team in October and expects to be on the mission through the end of November. Her home base is at Hulman Field in Terre Haute, Indiana.

"Being a part of public affairs give us an unique opportunity to see all parts of the mission here in Yuma," said White.

"In my short time here, we've been visited by several adjutants general, a member of Congress, Fox News Channel and Time magazine."

Heaton encourages commanders and team leaders in the Yuma Sector to contact him at (602) 489-6939 if they have PA questions or needs.

"Sgt Heaton has been an invaluable asset to Operation Jump Start," said Major Paul Aguirre, state public affairs officer. "His work is so impressive that it has been produced not only locally, but in national outlets as well.

His professionalism has

TUCSON SECTOR PUBLIC AFFAIRS

Story by Army Sgt Ed Balaban
Picture by Border Patrol, Tucson Sector

TUCSON, Ariz. - Though often overlooked and unseen, those who work in the public affairs (PA) arena, especially in support of Operation Jump Start (OJS), are routinely faced with a variety of challenges that are unique to the Southwest Border Mission. At the Tucson Sector Headquarters of the US Border Patrol, the Public Information Office is augmented by National Guard personnel who specifically provide the liaison between the Guard, Border Patrol and the constant deluge of media inquiries and visits that have been characteristic of the mission.

Army Sgt Ed Balaban of the New York National Guard reported on Sept. 1 for a one year tour. Senior Airman Lindsey Watson-Kirwin of the Tennessee Air National Guard (TNANG) arrived on Oct. 1 until December.

Sgt Balaban is a staff photographer for the PA office at the New York State Division of Military and Naval Affairs in Latham, N.Y. A native New Yorker, he originally joined the Arizona Army National Guard in 2005 and was assigned to 123rd MPAD in Phoenix.

Senior Airman Watson-Kirwin serves in the PA office of the 134th Air Refueling Wing at McGhee-Tyson AFB Knoxville, Tenn. Prior to her relocation to Tennessee and subsequent affiliation with the TNANG, she was assigned to 157 Air Refueling Wing Public Affairs at Pease AFB, Ports-

mouth, N.H.

Having volunteered for OJS, Senior Airman Watson-Kirwin reported in Oct 1 and is serving as the assistant PA liaison to the National Guard.

Intrigued by what is the "1st true deployment in my military career", Senior Airman Watson-Kirwin says that OJS has been very professionally positive and personally rewarding to date.

"I've experienced the uniqueness of a totally joint operation involving Army, Air and Border Patrol personnel smoothly working together," she said.

As more interest is generated about the current situation on the border, the scope of these specialists' responsibilities will continue to expand so that the stories that comprise OJS can be accurately and vividly shared with the rest of the world.



**Army Sgt Ed Balaban
and
Senior Airman
Lindsey Watson-Kirwin**

OPERATION JUMP START DISTINGUISHED VISITORS

“POT LUCK”... for the General?

Story by Army Major Paul Ellis
Photos by Air Force Staff Sgt Dan Heaton

PHOENIX – Army Maj. Gen. Donald Goldhorn, Guam National Guard Adjutant General, visited Soldiers and Airmen assigned to Operation Jump Start in Arizona on Oct 19 and 20. While planning the itinerary for Maj Gen Goldhorn, I contacted Sgt 1st Class Pritchard, an NCOIC of the Guam National Guard. I let him know Maj Gen Goldhorn would be visiting their work area Oct 20.

I asked Sgt 1st Class Pritchard if he had any suggestions for lunch in the San Luis area or if we should plan to have lunch in Yuma. Sgt 1st Class Pritchard responded that they had lunch taken care of and he sounded like I was from another planet just for asking!

Sgt 1st Class Pritchard told me that they had a “pot luck” planned for when their General arrived.

I must say I have never included “pot luck” into a distinguished visitor’s itinerary. To me, “pot luck” sounded more like a Sunday social.

Sgt 1st Class Pritchard spoke of the barbecues the Guam Soldiers and Airmen held for Maj Gen Goldhorn in Iraq, Afghanistan and at other deployed locations around the world, such as the Horn of Africa. So, I’m tracking on the barbecue.

Concerned about Soldiers and Airmen purchasing food for a pot luck or barbecue, I offered to have lunch in San Luis while Maj Gen Goldhorn had lunch and visited with the Guam Soldiers and Airmen.

“You don’t understand, Sir, this is a big part of what Guam is all about. You will probably be taking food with you,” Sgt 1st Class Pritchard said.

Guam leadership greeted Maj Gen Goldhorn, Army Brig Gen Richard Maxon, Arizona National Guard Assistant Adjutant General, and Sgt Maj. Hennegan when they arrived in Yuma and then traveled to the construction sites near San Luis. Maj Gen Goldhorn visited the fence construction and light installation sites west of the San Luis Port of Entry and took a lift on a “cherry picker” to see the light installation close up at about 30 feet above



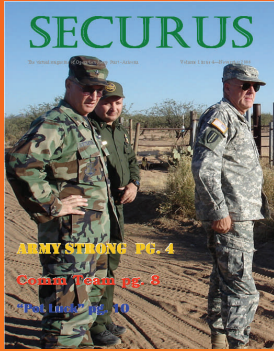
ground. He then moved to the construction sites east of the Port of Entry and greeted Soldiers and Airmen working on the fence installation and road improvement sites. There was a general feeling from those working at the site that Maj Gen Goldhorn really took his time in meeting with the Guam Soldiers and Airmen. Sometimes distinguished visitors’ schedules are so tight that their time visiting with Soldiers and Airmen seems rushed. That was definitely not the case with MG Goldhorn.

Maj Gen Goldhorn greeted Soldiers and Airmen who gathered for the planned “pot luck.” The smell of the barbecue was so overwhelming and it was going to be good. Soldiers and Airmen lined up at the small canopy that provided the only shade in the sand lot, located about 200 meters from the international border.

On the tables were two or three different types of barbecue chicken, three types of beef, ham, two different rice dishes, potato salad, vegetables and several pies for desert. More rice was brought up while I was charging (filling up) my plate. I could not believe how much food was prepared by the Guam Soldiers and Airmen and how awesome it was.

After lunch, Maj Gen Goldhorn continued to visit with Soldiers and Airmen and took group photos in front of the Guam unit sign, made from steel deck plates to be added to the border fence they were constructing. Maj Gen Goldhorn was reluctant to leave his troops, but left the pot luck to continue with his itinerary.

For the rest of my military career, I will never doubt the effectiveness of a pot luck.



Front Cover: Brig. Gen. Ulay Littleton, left, Border Patrol Agent Guy Good, center, and Guam TAG Maj. Gen. Donald Goldhorn survey the border at San Miguel, an area in the Casa Grande area of responsibility.



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